

### ALLIES TO BE CONSULTED

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing soon will begin a series of important conferences preliminary to the response to be made to Pope Benedict's peace message. Before the communication goes forward the views of the entente governments on the subject will be ascertained. The message will be sent out owing to delays in transmitting messages by cable.

The pontiff's peace note, the text of which reached the State Department by cable from the London foreign office yesterday, is now before the President. He probably will give it close study and then turn up the subject with Secretary Lansing.

In official and diplomatic circles here today Premier Lloyd George's speech in parliament yesterday was regarded as voicing the views of the allies. The speech was regarded as an accounting of food supplies and the shipping situation as affected by the war. It was also regarded as indicative of Great Britain's safe position and strong attitude.

**Surmise Premier's Object.**

It was thought here that one of the objects of the premier's speech was to sound out public sentiment preliminary to the formal responses to be made to the Pope's note. It is likely that public men in other allied countries will follow suit.

The translation of the Pope's peace message, made public by the State Department, does not differ materially from the unofficial version cabled from Europe. Slight differences are due to varying translations of French idioms. Where the unofficial text has the message addressed to the "rulers" of the belligerent peoples the department's translation makes it "leaders."

official translation reads "earnest" exhortations. Instead of Germany being required to guarantee Belgium's independence of "it," the official version says "of any power whatsoever."

une enthusiasm with which the French president was received in Italy and the spirit in which he responded to the welcome of the Italian people.

**POPE WAITED TO BE ASKED.**

**Decided Not to Act Otherwise, de la Barra So Declared.**

CHICAGO, August 17.—After his first efforts for peace had been rejected by the European belligerents, Pope Benedict told Francisco de la Barra that he would not again move to end the war unless requested to do so by

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**Features**

Among the many features to be found next Sunday in The Sunday Star the following are of particular appeal:

**NATIONAL SERVICE FOR AMERICA**—Another in the really remarkable series of articles, by ISAAC F. MAROSON.

**"MISSING—PAGE 13"**—An unusually interesting detective story, by Anna Katherine Green, in her series of prior articles (each complete in itself) entitled "THE PROBLEMS OF VIOLET STRANGE."

**A WASHINGTON MYSTIC GIVES STARTLING EXHIBITIONS OF "TRUTHS."**

**CAMP CITIES TO BE HOMES OF OUR BIG NATIONAL ARMY.**

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HOW EVERY AMERICAN WOMAN CAN TAKE PART IN THE CONSERVATION OF FOOD AND HEALTH.

WHERE TASTE AND KNOWLEDGE OF DRESS IS NECESSARY," by ANNE RITTENHOUSE.

REAL PIONEERING WITHIN A FEW MILES OF WASHINGTON—A wonderfully interesting story of a man who went back to the soil a few years ago and made a success of it.

THE CAPE TO CAIRO LINE AS A RESULT OF THE EUROPEAN WAR," by CHARLES M. PEPPER.

THE RAMBLER WRITES OF THE SMALL AND BARBOUR FAMILIES.

HISTORY OF THIS GREAT WAR IS ALREADY BEING WRITTEN.

"TEACHING SAMMIES IN FRANCE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES," by STERLING HEILIG.

IN THE PLANOGRAVURE SECTION.

A NUMBER OF REMARKABLE WAR PHOTOGRAPHS, INCLUDING: A New Submarine, Controlled Remotely; How May Root Gets

# SENATE IS PUSHING TAX REVENUE BILL

## Expects to Dispose of Undisputed Provisions Before Adjournment Today.

### INCOME TAX TOMORROW

Disposal before night of nearly all the provisions of the war tax bill over which there is no dispute was the Senate's program for today and accomplishment of the task seemed assured.

The Senate tentatively was agreed to the liquor section with its prohibition features, in addition to many other important provisions.

Present plans call for consideration tomorrow of the income and war profits taxes, the chief points in dispute. Should these provisions be disposed of then, efforts probably will be made for an agreement on a date for a final vote on the bill.

A protest against the committee's provision for a stamp tax on parcel post packages was filed today by the Post Office Department, which contended that the tax of 1 cent for each 25 cents paid would injure the parcel post and discriminate against the farmer.

### Year's Expenses Eighteen Billions.

This year's war expenditures were estimated by Senator Curtis of Kansas at \$18,000,000,000. He advocated raising necessary revenue principally from increases in profits and excise taxes, oppos-

**GERMANS ASSAIL  
ENTENTE POSITIONS  
AT MANY POINTS**

Hurl Counter Attacks at British Near Loos, Gaining Only Temporary Success.

**FRENCH ALSO CHECK  
ENEMY ENDEAVORS**

Spirited Engagements on Aisne Front and in Region of Verdun—Teuton Military Points Bombed.

**DOCTORS FROM U. S.  
TREATING WOUNDED**

By the Associated Press.

**BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE  
AND BELGIUM, August 17**—In a clearing action during yesterday's battle on the Belgian front the Associated Press found four American surgeons in the operating rooms hard at work. They were assisted by businesslike

## PS IN FRANCE TO FIRING LINE

## D. C. DRAFTED MEN TO GO TO ADMIRAL

Gen. Crowder Changes Order

ing the proposed taxes on sugar, coffee and cocoa and urging a substantial federal inheritance tax on large estates.

Protests against levying a tax of \$1.10 a gallon on brandy used in fortifying wines was made by Senator Phelan of California. He urged retention of the House rate of 10 cents a gallon, declaring that otherwise the sweet wine industry in California would be destroyed.

California, he said, is not seeking to evade payment of just dues and is not protesting against taxation, but only seeks to preserve her wine industry, which, if destroyed, would take away from the expropriator one of its sources

A large number of American surgeons are now working close up to the front in this region, and others are being brought up continually. They are reported to be doing yeoman work.

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, August 17, via London.—German advanced posts along the Yser canal, near Dreigraachten, in Belgium, were overrun yesterday by troops of the entente allies, says

to start tomorrow, so great is their eagerness.

"Because of the present rapid rate of progress our men have learned nearly all of their excellent French teachers can now teach them an odd lot of machine-guns. "We will soon have an excellent teaching force which can take the later part of the course and teach them to teach four times their own number and they should do it in half the time it has taken them to learn. "The only thing that will not be necessary to use interpreters, which always takes time, or to explain fundamental principles of trench warfare. It will be rapid work and I have no hesitation in saying that the world will be astounded when the army of tomorrow will be an immense army with tremendous striking power."

When the long list of Army promotions was received by cable the officers were stirred to great enthusiasm. Congratulations were extended on all sides. The men also had cause for rejoicing. When they saw the first "movie" show arrive in the shape of a Cross motor truck equipped with a machine gun and a machine, which throws the antics of favorite comedians, luscious vampiresses and other popular attractions.

The truck makes a one-night stand in each camp.

**COL. ROSS CHIEF OF STAFF**

Following a recommendation made by Provost Marshal General Crowder, who is arranging for the mobilization of the troops drafted for the National Army, the War Department has made several changes in the original orders. Under the orders as now revised, all the 1,022 men drafted in the District of Columbia to meet its quota, will be sent to Camp Meade by train, near Annapolis Junction, Md., originally to Petersburg, Va., as originally intended.

Those drafted in Pennsylvania and Maryland also will be sent to Camp Meade. These, with the contribution from the District of Columbia, will comprise the 79th Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Joseph E. Kuhn, at present president of the Army War College, at Washington barracks. His chief of staff will be Lieut. Col. Tenney C. Ross, a popular resident of the District, now attached to the general staff of the Army.

The four brigades at Camp Meade will be 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st, respectively, by Brig.

of taxation. The Hardwick of Georgia opposed wine war profits tax schedules, which, he said, are unjust to Georgia cotton mill owners. He expressed preference for a tax on process profits rates, saying that during the pre-war period of the Senate committee work he had seen the effect of such taxes on their leanest business years and would be taxed upon their period of greatest prosperity.

Following to dispose of minor provisions of \$2,000,000,000 war tax bill and reach the important dispute, the Senate Finance Committee proposed schedule as revised by the finance committee to raise \$2,000,000,000 in revenue, as compared with \$1,000,000,000 estimated from the House bill.

The increased wine rates were opposed only by Senator Simmons of North Carolina, in charge of the bill. He said that he had been tempted to equalize competition between Pacific coast and Mississippi valley produce, but he had decided against it. He said, predicting that, with manufacture of whisky stopped, wine would be much used as a substitute.

**Vote Early Next Week.**

The Senate spent the best part of yesterday in discussion of the war tax bill and closed the matter as it was to vote on the important provisions, adopting the committee's recommendations. By

The German official statement issued today. The enemy also captured ground north and east of Bilschkeote.

At St. Julien and at many points along the south of Valenciennes, the statement adds, entente allied forces penetrated the new German battle zone.

LONDON, August 17.—The Germans made two counter attacks last night against the new British positions near Loos. They gained temporary success at some points, the war office announces, but subsequently the British line was reestablished.

British and French troops attacking on a nine-mile front east and northeast of Ypres, in Flanders, yesterday gained all their objectives except on the right flank. The French drove the Germans from between the Yser canal and Martijevaart and captured the bridgehead of Dreigraeten. The village of Langemark was a barrier by which the enemy had taken all their first objectives in the center of the attacking line.

Fliers Drop Tons of Bombs.

The admiralty announces the success-

# BILL BARS OFFICIAL FROM OWNING A LIBERTY BOND

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## Representative Morgan's Measure Raises an Interesting Question in Congressional Ethics.

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An interesting question in congressional ethics, and perhaps law, is raised

Admiral is much more accessible to residents of Annapolis than is Peter. He is based on that account in the War Department orders for the encampment of the District draft troops will be gratifying to their relatives and friends, who will be able to visit them occasionally without much trouble or delay. The Maryland camp is within easy distance of the main lines of the Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania railroads. It is on a branch line of the Washington, Annapolis and Baltimore trolley line.

in such shape as to warrant him asking a vote early next week.

Committee provisions approved yesterday were:

Sections levying \$140,000,000 additional taxes on distilled and rectified spirits, and including clauses effective during the war, prohibiting their importation and providing a prohibitory tax of \$50 per hundred pounds upon their further manufacture from foodstuffs.

The House bill levied \$107,500,000 additional taxes and prohibited the manufacture of distilled spirits only; increase of revenues from beer and other malt and fermented liquors of \$46,000,000.

ful carrying out yesterday of a series of raids by aviators of the royal naval air service, who dropped many tons of bombs on military objectives in Belgium. The Ostend railway station and sidings and the Thourout railway junction were attacked. The airdrome at Ghistel was bombed and several fires were observed. Attacks from the air were made on the airdromes at Engels and Uytkerke. All the airplanes returned safely..

**British Official Report.**

The official statement of today follows:—

by Representative Dick L. Morgan of Oklahoma in a bill introduced by him today, making it unlawful for any member of Congress or any government official to own liberty bonds. It requires senators, representatives and officials now owning bonds to surrender them to the government and to receive their money in exchange.

Representative Morgan's reason for introducing the bill is that the bonds and their interest and the legislation relating thereto become the private interest of members of Congress. It has long been the rule of Congress

terms, was president of the board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia and the Washington Trust Company and a product of the public schools of the city. During his last year at the Washington—now Central High—School he was a captain in the then battalion of High School Cadets. For several years after graduating from the high school Col. Ross was connected with the Washington Loan and Trust Company. He then secured an appointment in the Army.

His service took him away from Washington for a number of years, but a year or two ago, by reason of his unusual attainments, he was selected for assignment as an officer of the General

The House bill; virtually all of the stamp taxes proposed except that of bank checks and parcel post packages, which went over; the amusement tax section, estimated to raise \$23,000,000, compared with \$50,000,000 proposed by the House, with the House tax on club dues eliminated.

Elimination of the House general tariff levy of 10 per cent ad valorem and of the House taxes on jewelry, musical instruments and moving picture films.

The Senate also adopted committee amendments for a new tax upon cameras to raise \$500,000, for reduction of the manufacturers' gross sales tax from

"Last night the enemy twice counter-attacked the new positions gained by us yesterday east of Loos in the direction of Cite St. Auguste. At the second attempt he succeeded in pressing back our line slightly at some points, but later in the night our troops again attacked and re-established our positions. A further hostile counter attack was completely repulsed. We secured a few prisoners.

"The artillery has been active on both sides in the night east of Tyres."

**Progress of Yesterday.**

The statement of last night reads:

"The allied attacks delivered early in the morning were repulsed by the enemy.

that a member shall not vote on matters in which he is particularly interested. This is taken to include financial or pecuniary matters. The rule has been worded differently in the various Congresses, but the spirit has always been the same.

Now that there is a possibility that the forthcoming bond issues may have a higher rate of interest than the current liberty bonds, and that an income tax may be imposed upon them. Representatives should be allowed to vote on a Congress against being financially interested in the vote, no member should be allowed to own even a baby bond.

Staff Corps, and since then has been on duty in this city.

A few days ago it was Capt Tenney Ross, general staff, U. S. A. Today it is Lieut. Col. Tenney Ross, chief of staff 79th Division, National Army of the United States.

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## PRUSSIA DRAFTING BILLS FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS

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Ministry Is Also at Work on Measures Affecting Constitutional

ent medicines. Committee changes reducing the rates on sporting goods to raise \$800,000 instead of \$2,000,000 and for a substitute tax on yachts and other pleasure boats, also were accepted.

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## PRESIDENT IN FAVOR OF EXEMPTING MARRIED MEN

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the morning on a front of nine miles north of the Ypres-Menin road have been continued during the day in the face of strong enemy resistance.

"On the left the French troops, advancing on both sides of the Duyschoote-Dixmude road, drove the enemy from the tongue of land between the Ypres and the Marais de la Bassée, captured the bridgehead of Dreighrachten.

"In the center the British troops rapidly captured their first objective and, continuing their advance, carried the village of Langemarck after heavy fighting. They then forced their way forward for a distance of a half mile beyond the village and established

**BIG LINER NOW A HOTEL.**  
**Dutch Get Thrills of Ocean Voyage**  
**at Home.**  
**BY W. J. L. KIEHL.**  
 (Special Correspondence of The Star  
 and Chicago Daily News.)  
 THE HAGUE, Holland, July 20.—Be-  
 tween the Velser railway bridge and the  
 great docks near Ymuiden the East In-  
 dian mail steamer Van Pieterseon Coen  
 is moved as a summer hotel. The  
 steamship company Nederland, which  
 owns the steamer, is making the ex-

### Institutions.

BERLIN, August 15, via London, August 16.—In addition to drafting bills for electoral reforms, the Prussian ministry of the interior is said to be engaged also in working out legislative measures affecting Prussian constitutional institutions. One of these concerns the reorganization of the upper house, which may be patterned after the upper chamber of the diet of Baden with due consideration for the

## Also Takes Position Before Aliens Can Be Drafted Treaty Formalities Must Be Observed.

Exemption from the Army draft of married men, except those marrying to escape service, was approved by President Wilson in a letter to Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, made public today. The President also took the position that before aliens can be drafted treaty formalities must be observed.

tem which constituted their final objective for the day.

**British Strongly Resisted.**

"On our right there has been fierce and continuous fighting since the early morning for the possession of the high ground north of the Menin road. The enemy disputed our advance with determined counter attacking with large forces.

"As a result of the counter attacks the enemy succeeded during the afternoon, at great cost, in pressing back our troops in this area from part of the Menin ridge.

periment in order to utilize the nine large ships until direct passenger service between Holland and Yara shall again be resumed. Prices are the same as in the first-class seaside hotels. Many people are availing themselves of the unique opportunity of enjoying life on board an ocean liner without the inconvenience of sea sickness and storms. Life on board is to be regulated exactly as it would be at sea.

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**STRIKE AGITATION IN BERLIN.**

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**Reported Renewal of Trouble Is Laid to Extreme Socialists**

The other measure under advisement concerns the readjustment of Prussian electoral districts, upon which the bureau of statistics now is working.

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**KANSAS CITY STRIKE OVER.**

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**Street Cars Resume Operations as Result of Agreement.**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., August 17.—Street car service was resumed today, after a nine-day strike of motormen and conductors, following settlement of the

Senator Weeks urged that aliens be drafted and married men, except slackers, exempted. The President's reply follows: "While I sympathize to a very great extent with your point about the drafting of aliens, I cannot believe that you mean exactly what you say with regard to our treaty obligations. 'We will never make any treaties with foreign countries' on this subject, it is absolutely essential, in my judgment, that some action should be taken which will include the alien population of draft age in the draft." I assume, of course, that you mean that some diplomatic action should be taken to clear the way.

"This evening further enemy counter attacks in this neighborhood were broken up by our artillery fire. The number of prisoners taken by the allies in the course of this attack cannot yet be ascertained, but over 1,800, including thirty-eight officers, already have been brought in. A few German guns also were captured."

"Our troops made further progress this afternoon east of Loos. The number of troops we captured on this front since the opening of our attack yesterday has now reached a total of 896, including twenty-two officers."

**French Repulse Germans.**

COPENHAGEN, August 17.—A renewal of strike agitation in war industries, evidently on the part of the extreme socialists, is reported from Berlin. A semi-official notice says that circulars are being distributed in munition factories advocating a walkout.

The notice is addressed to the workmen not to be misled and not to desert and betray their brothers fighting in the west and east.

Yesterday, but, owing to fears that overzealous strike sympathisers, lacking information of the agreement reached, might cause disturbance, it was decided to postpone actual operation of the cars until today.

In the settlement the carmen gained the privilege of membership in a labor organisation and to elect committees of employees to deal with grievances, while the car company was victorious in its contention for the "open shop."

"That man," the Department of State, and I have no doubt will be pressed as fast as the circumstances permit.

"Your point with regard to the drafting of men with families is undoubtedly well taken, and I have reason to believe that it is very much in the mind, at any rate, of most of the drafting boards. I shall take pleasure in calling the attention of the War Department again to it."

PARIS, August 17.—The official statement of today follows:

In Belgium a German attack against our new positions on both sides of the Steenbeke was repulsed completely.

"At nightfall yesterday the enemy, after an intense bombardment of our positions, made a vigorous attack on a front of more than two kilometers between Vaulcure mill and the California plateau. Beaten back by our artillery